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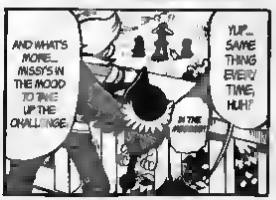
VS MEDITITE AND RIOLU II



MAYLENE, THE VEILSTONE GYM LEADER...
A FIGHTING-TYPE EXPERT WHO IS...
...YOUNGER THAN US!!
YEAH!
THIS IS OUR THIRD BATTLE AGAINST A GYM LEADER FOR A BADGE..
PHEW...
TIME FOR US TO START SOME REAL TRAINING!
LET'S DO IT!
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
MISSY!!

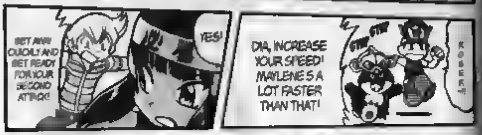
DAFF

FIRST THINGS FIRST...
AS IT IS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE CHIMCHIKO FOR THE BATTLE, SO THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TRAINING WILL BE ON THAT
THE OPPONENT WILL MOST PROBABLY HAVE TWO POKÉMON AS WELL, SO CHIMCHIKO'S GONNA NEED A TAG PARTNER...
I GUESS THE BEST POKÉMON FOR THE JOB WOULD BE CHIMIKO!

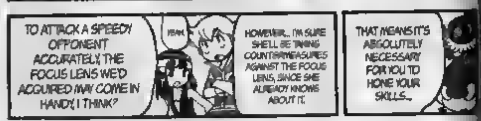
MAYLENE IS A "FIGHTING" EXPERT, WHICH MEANS ACCORDING TO CONVENTION, WE'LL HAVE TO USE "FLYING-TYPE" POKÉMON AGAINST HER!

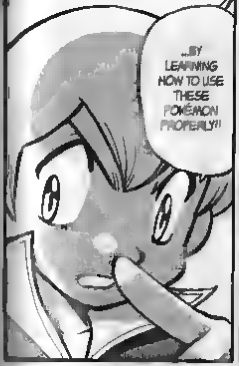
OH! YOU'LL DO YOUR USUAL THING BY PRETENDING TO BE MAYLENE!
GOT-CHA!
OKAY, MISSY!. START BY TRYING TO GIVE HIM A BLOW!
ALL RIGHT! "FLAME WHEEL"!
ROAAR

SMASH


GET AWAY QUICKLY AND GET READY FOR YOUR SECOND ATTACK!
YES!
OKAY, INCREASE YOUR SPEED! MAYLENE'S A LOT FASTER THAN THAT!
ROAR!

YOU SAW HOW AGILE MAYLENE AND HER POKÉMON WERE LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?
SHE TOOK JUST *MERE SECONDS* TO RUN UP TO OUR ROOM FROM THE SIDEWALK!
HUFF
THAT RIOLU POKÉMON SHE HAS ON HAND... SEEMS LIKE IT CAN CROSS MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS WITHIN A SINGLE NIGHT!
HUFF


TO ATTACK A SPEEDY OPPONENT ACCURATELY, THE FOCUS LENS WE'D ACQUIRED MAY COME IN HANDY, I THINK?
YEAH...
HOWEVER... I'M SURE SHE'LL BE TAKING COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST THE FOCUS LENS, SINCE SHE ALREADY KNOWS ABOUT IT.
THAT MEANS IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HONE YOUR SKILLS...


...BY LEARNING HOW TO USE THESE POKÉMON PROPERLY!!

...ALL RIGHT!
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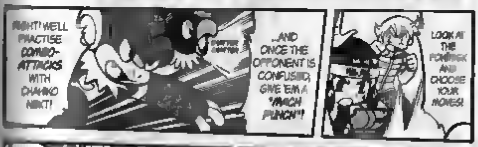
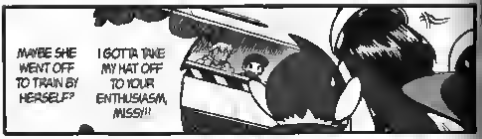

RIGHT! WE'LL PRACTISE COMBO-ATTACKS WITH CHIMCHO HERE!
...AND ONCE THE OPPONENT IS CONFUSED, GIVE 'EM A "MACH PUNCH"!
LOOK AT THE POKÉDEX AND CHOOSE YOUR MOVES!

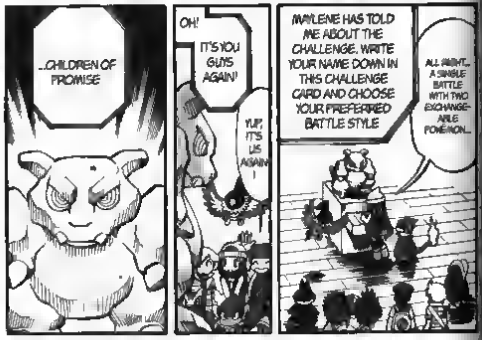
OKAY, LET'S TAKE A BREATHER!
THE MATCH WILL BE HELD AT NIGHT, SO WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME AFTER ALL...
IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO HAVE ENOUGH REST IN PREPARATION FOR THE REAL THING!
RIGHT!
OKAY, LET'S PRACTISE CLIMBING TOO!
Zzz...

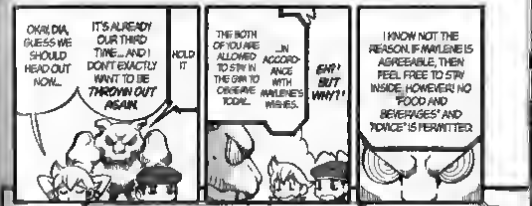
FEH.
SWOOSH
RRRING
YO!
EEK.
PAT
WHY AREN'T YA GOING IN, LITTLE LADY? YOU CAME TO PLAY SLOTS, DINCHA? I SAW YOU HERE LAST NIGHT, TOO!
Y-YES, BUT... MY COMPANIONS... THEY MADE ME PROMISE TO STOP...
TO ENSURE I KEEP MY PROMISE, I EVEN LEFT MY WALLET IN THE HOTEL, SO...
I CAN'T PLAY ANYMORE EVEN IF I WANTED TO!
OH, IS THAT WHAT'S STOPPING YOU? I CAN GIVE YOU A FEW COINS IF YOU'D LIKE!
COME ON!
LET'S MAKE LOTS OF MONEY TOGETHER, AYUGH?
NO... I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT ON TONIGHT, I CAN'T...
OH, FOR #@%&! JUST COME ALONG!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
YOU THINK OF ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT AREAS IN THE VARIOUS CITIES!
YOU DON'T SAY! LIKE THE FAMOUS GAME CORNER, WITH ITS ROULETTES AND CARD FLIP GAMES!
THE BEST IS, OF COURSE, THE SLOT MACHINES! THOUGH I WAS SURPRISED THAT MISSY WOULD GET HERSELF ENTANGLED INTO ONE OF THOSE THINGS...
SHEESH! BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT! I MADE HER PROMISE MEEKO TO DO IT AGAIN!
WELL, IF YOU'RE PLANNING ABOUT HOW TO UNMAKE THAT ADDICTION OF HERS... A LEFT HOOK UP HER RIGHT CHEEK'D WORK, WOULDN'T IT?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU BECOME THE MAFIA?!
ANYWAY... IT'S IS THE BEST PICTURE TO MATCH, APPARENTLY.
ALSO KNOWN AS [redacted]!
IF YOU MATCH THREE SHOWERS, YOU'LL RECEIVE--GET THIS--400 COINS AS A REWARD!
WOW! SOUNDS LIKE A PIECE OF CAKE TO GET RIGHT?! HA! HUH.
IT TASTES LIKE A PIECE OF CAKE, TOO...!
YOU ARE HEREBY BANNED FROM MAKING BAD JOKES ABOUT FOOD FROM NOW ON, SLUTEN!
YEAH! THAT WENT PRETTY WELL!
YUP...
BUT I WONDER WHERE MISSY WENT? SHE'S TAKING SO LONG TO RETURN...
...WELL, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!
HEY...
...IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES SHE LOOK REALLY EXHAUSTED...?


MAYBE SHE WENT OFF TO TRAIN BY HERSELF?
I GOTTA TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOUR ENTHUSIASM, MISSY!!!

AT THE APPOINTED TIME...

WELCOME TO THE...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
VERMILSTONE GYM AT NIGHT...


...CHILDREN OF PROMISE
OH!
IT'S YOU GUYS AGAIN!
YUP, IT'S US AGAIN!
MAYLENE HAS TOLD ME ABOUT THE CHALLENGE. WRITE YOUR NAME DOWN IN THIS CHALLENGE CARD AND CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED BATTLE STYLE
ALL RIGHT... A SINGLE BATTLE WITH TWO EXCHANGEABLE POKÉMON...


OKAY, DIA, GUESS WE SHOULD HEAD OUT NOW...
IT'S ALREADY OUR THIRD TIME... AND I DON'T EXACTLY WANT TO BE THROWN OUT AGAIN.
HOLD IT
THE BOTH OF YOU ARE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE GYM TO OBSERVE TODAY...
...IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAYLENE'S WISHES.
EH?! BUT WHY?!
I KNOW NOT THE REASON. IF MAYLENE IS AGREEABLE, THEN FEEL FREE TO STAY INSIDE. HOWEVER, NO "FOOD AND BEVERAGES" AND "DANCE" IS PERMITTED.

DO YOU SEE THE MANY WALLS HERE?
YOUR TASK IS TO FIND THE RIGHT PATH WHILE MOVING THESE WALLS AWAY ONE BY ONE! I WISH YOU GODSPEED!
WHOA!
EHR... DO WE MOVE THEM AWAY LIKE THIS?
ROLL ROLL
NO...
WELL, HOW ABOUT HERE?
THIS ONE'S MOVING TOO!
ANYWAY, WE SHOULD TRY THE OTHER DIRECTION...
HMM?

MIEI...
MISSY! I STOP SPACING OUT! THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR CHALLENGE, YOU KNOW!!
AH... YES!
I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED FROM THE INTENSE TRAINING BUT IF YOU KEEP DAYDREAMING IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE...
I OPENED IT?
WAAH!! I FORGOT THAT THERE'LL BE OTHER TRAINERS WAITING FOR US ON THE WAY TO MAYLENE AS WELL!!
LET'S FIGHT!!
WELL, TAKE YOU ON, CHALLENGERS!
MACHOKE!
MISSY, TIME TO DO BATTLE!
A-ALL RIGHT! CHATOT! "AERIAL ACE"!!
AND THUS THE THREE OF US...

...MADE OUR WAY TO MAYLENE BY...
...FENDING OFF OTHER GYM TRAINERS...
...AND ROAMING THE HALLS OF THE LABYRINTH.
ROLL ROLL

GLAAAAAANG!
SO YOU'VE MANAGED TO OPEN...
...THE FINAL WALL!

PHEW... THAT WAS TOUGH...
HUFF
IS MISSY GONNA BE ALL RIGHT?
SHE'S BEEN LOOKING DEAD TIRED EVER SINCE COMING BACK FROM HER BREAK...
HUFF
WELL THEN...
SHALL WE BEGIN?
AS EXPECTED, SHE'S GOING TO DO BATTLE WITH THE TWO POKÉMON THAT WAS WITH HER YESTERDAY...
RIOLU IS A "FIGHTING" TYPE WHEREAS MEDITITE IS A "FIGHTING" AND "PSYCHIC" TYPE... THAT MEANS THE FIRST SKILL I HAVE TO USE WOULD BE...
...I'D BETTER REVISE BY LOOKING AT THE POKÉDEX...
VEILSTONE GYM LEADER MAYLENE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BARGEFIGHT FIGHTING GENIUS...
HUH?
...VERSUS THE CHALLENGER...
AAAH! IT, IT'S GONE!!
W-WHAT'S THE MATTER, MISSY?! WHAT'S GONE?!
THE POKÉ... DEX...
MEDITITE MEANS OLD PERSON FROM SANDGEM TOWN!
MY POKÉDEX... IT'S MISSING!!
EH?

I WAS USING IT TO GATHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POKÉMON FOR RESEARCH... BUT NOW IT'S...
THE MATCH HAS ALREADY BEGUN! IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU CAN STILL DO BATTLE WITHOUT THE POKÉDEX, STOP THINKING ABOUT IT AND TRY TO MOVE ON...!
BUT...!
TAKE YOUR PLACE QUICKLY!
DON'T WORRY, MISSY! I'LL GO FIND IT FOR YOU! DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU COULD HAVE DROPPED IT?
GULP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AT LEAST YOU KNOW THAT YOU STILL HAD IT WITH YOU BEFORE THE BREAK, DURING THE TRAINING...
EAR, I THINK I MOST PROBABLY DROPPED IT AT THE cave CAVERN...
GOTCHA! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING SO EXCITED ABOUT, BUT...
...IT WON'T CHANGE THE WAY I BATTLE!

TOMP
I SHALL TAKE YOUR CHALLENGE SERIOUSLY... THAT IS ALL!!
GO, RIOLU!!

CONCENTRATE ON THE BATTLE, MISS!!
YES!
MONFERNO!!

TMP
TMP
SLASH
SMACK

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

COUNTING THE NUMBER OF MOVES... IT WOULD APPEAR LIKE THEIR SPEED IS ON PAR... NO, WAIT
RIOLU IS...
...SLIGHTLY FASTER!
GET AWAY FOR NOW!

I WON'T LET YOU!

"FORCE PALM"!!
SLAM

THUD
SHE'S FOLLOWING UP!
TAKE THE BLOW!
GRAB
ARE YOU FEELING RELIEVED...
...THAT YOU'VE STOPPED THE ATTACK?
"
TWITCH
TWITCH
SCHLLLLLUCK
IT'S USING "DRAIN PUNCH".
...TO ABSORB HIS ENERGY!
HIS STRENGTH IS BEING SAPPED AWAY!!
SCHUCK SCHUCK SCHUCK
HE'LL BE SUCKED DRY IN NO TIME AT ALL!!
MON-FERNO, RETURN!!
CHATOT WILL REPLACE HIM!
"CHATTER!!!"
VOOM
SMACK
CHATTER, CHATTER
HM?! I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MOVE BEFORE. IS IT USING SOUND TO ATTACK?!
"
THE "AURA" PIOLUS'S BODY IS EMANATING...
TEEEEN
...IS MAKING MEDITITE AWARE OF THE DANGER IT'S IN!!

BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
THAT'S "BULLET PUNCH," A PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK!
WHAT'S MORE... THAT UNBELIEVABLE POWER BEHIND THAT MOVE IS...
"MIRROR COAT"!!
FWHOOSH
MACK

I-IT MANAGED TO HIT CHATOT'S VITAL SPOT!!
THIS MEDITITE ...
...EATS ONLY ONE BERRY A DAY
IT BUILDS ITSELF UP BY ENDURING HUNGER!
THIS IS THE POWER AND SPEED OF YOSA!
IN ORDER TO SHARPEN MY MIND TOGETHER WITH MY POKÉMON, I TAKE ON THE SAME DIET MYSELF!
DON'T FEEL LIKE YOUR OBTUSE-NATION WON'T UP TO PAR, AGAIN!
SHE MAY HAVE HIT YOU A COUPLE OF TIMES, BUT YOU CAN STILL OVERPOWER HER BY MAKING USE OF OF THE COMPATIBILITY ADVANTAGE!
"MIRROR MOVE"!!

"MIRROR MOVE"!!
MIGHTYENA HAS BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!
"MIRROR MOVE"!!
BOOM
SWOOSH
"VACUUM WAVE"!!
GARDY HAS BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!
MON-REIN!
BOOM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I FEEL THIS WAY, BUT...
...I DO NOT WISH TO LOSE TO YOU!!
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WAS... A LITTLE ENVIOUS OF YOU LAST NIGHT...
YOU HAVE NICE CLOTHES, WELL-GROOMED HAIR, TRIMMED NAILS...
...AND SO MANY HELD ITEMS FOR YOUR POKÉMON...
...ARE ALL MINE...!
HOHOHOHA!! I FEEL THAT VICTORY WILL NOT NECESSARILY GO TO THE ONES WHO ARE WELL-SATED!
MY WEAPON IS HUNGER!!
KERSMASH

SHE CRUSHED THE ENTIRE ARENA WITH "ROCK SMASH"!!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
FIOLU WILL BE MOVING AROUND AMONGST THESE FLYING ROCKS AT TOP SPEED!
AND IT WAS ALREADY FAST ENOUGH WITHOUT THESE HINDRANCES! FORGET ABOUT HITTING IT! IT'S GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN LOCATE IT NOW!!
...!!!
EXCUSE ME

I'M HERE TO LOOK FOR A LOST PROPERTY!
IT LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT IS RED IN COLOR...
OH YES, I DID PICK SOMETHING LIKE THAT UP!
R-REALLY ?!
TANK
OH?
PHONE CALL FOR YOU. IT'S FROM THE OUTSIDE
STRETCH
TMP TMP TMP
PEARL! IT'S ME!
DIA?!
TELL MISSY THAT I'VE FOUND HER POKÉDEX!
PEARL!!
THE PERSON-IN-CHARGE PICKED IT UP AND KEPT IT IN THE LOST AND FOUND ROOM. HE'S GOING TO BRING ME THERE NOW.
OVER HERE! HURRY!

HEY, HOLD IT, DIA! PERSON-IN-CHARGE?! LOST AND FOUND ROOM?! WHERE ON EARTH ARE YOU NOW?!
THE GAME CORNER
MISSY... I JUST GOT A CALL FROM DIA...
HE SAID HE FOUND YOUR POKÉDEX...
...AT THE GAME CORNER.
YOU PROMISED ME YOU WOULDN'T GO THERE ANYMORE!
YET YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE...! AND RIGHT BEFORE AN IMPORTANT GYM BATTLE AT THAT!
YOU CAME BACK ALL WORN OUT BECAUSE YOU WERE BUSY SPINNING SLOTS, AM I RIGHT?!
DIA AND I WERE SERIOUS ABOUT TRYING TO PREPARE YOU FOR THE GYM BATTLE, DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
HOW COULD YOU BELITTLE OUR EFFORTS BY PLAYING AROUND BEFORE A MATCH?!
I WASN'T...
...PLAYING...
OH, TRYING TO MAKE EXCUSES NOW HUH?!
WHAT ELSE COULD YOU HAVE BEEN DOING AT THE GAME CORNER...?!
SHOUT!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?! YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE MATCH!
THAT'S RIGHT! NOW IS THE TIME FOR BATTLE!!
EVEN IF I AM CONFIDENT OF VICTORY, I WILL NOT LET MY GUARD DOWN!
I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED BY AN AFFLUENT PERSON!!
YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO USE THE FOCUS LENS IF YOU WANT!
LET'S SEE...
...IF YOU CAN HIT ME WITH THAT!

MON-PERVO
TOSS
CLICK
IN ORDER TO LAND A HIT ON THE SPEEDY RIOLU MOVING AROUND IN THE MIDST OF COUNTLESS FLYING ROCKS...
...I'LL HAVE TO SEE THROUGH THE MOVEMENTS OF THE ROCKS...
...THE MOVEMENTS OF RIOLU MOVING AROUND BETWEEN THEM...
...AND AT THE SAME TIME, GET AROUND RIOLU'S GUARD TO GET A DIRECT HIT ON ITS VITAL SPOT!!
I HAVE TO DETER-MINE...
...WHERE THAT MIRACU-LOUS LINE IS!!

LIKE YOU, MY TRUMP CARD IS NOT ANY ITEM I MAY POSSESS...
...BUT MY WELL TRAINED POKÉMON AND SKILL AS A TRAINER!
I SHALL NAIL DOWN...
...THAT MIRACULOUS LINE
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NO, I'M SURE I CAN DO IT!
"
THE BEST POKÉMON PLAYING POKER!
STARE
FLIP
FLIP

I SEE IT!
THE THREE SEVENS OF VICTORY!!
RRRR
SWIRR
THUD
CRASH
CRASH
RIOLU HAS BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!
THE CHALLENGER WINS THE BATTLE!

NO WAY...
A... AMAZING!! MISSY ACTUALLY MANAGED TO FIND AND USE THAT SPLIT SECOND CHANCE TO COMPLETELY KNOCK RIOLU OUT!
I COULDN'T EVEN SEE WHERE RIOLU WAS!
THAT WAS IN PRESSURE!
YOU ARE TRULY A PERSON OF ACTION WHO IS SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU DO.
THANK YOU!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE LOST TO SOMEONE!

I HAVE LEARNT THAT A PERSON'S WEALTH DOES NOT AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF A BATTLE AT ALL.
LOOKS LIKE MISSY WASN'T LYING WHEN SHE SAID SHE WASN'T PLAYING AT THE GAME CORNER...
YOU WERE TRAINING YOUR EYES TO BE ABLE TO CATCH FAST MOVEMENTS WITH THE SLOT REELS, WEREN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY, MISSY.
THAT IS CORRECT.
THE LITTLE LADY WOULDN'T TOUCH A SINGLE MACHINE NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRIED TO GET HER TO. SAID SHE "PROMISED"!
SHE JUST WATCHED REALLY HARD WITH HER POKÉMON AS THIS OLD MAN HERE DID THE SPINNING!
HUH? WHO ARE YOU?
SO HOW'D IT GO?
I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA PUT ON A GUILTY FACE COZ DADDY WAS HANGING OUT AT THE GAME CORNER INSTEAD OF GOING TO WORK, BUT...
...NOW YOU KNOW THAT IT MAY NOT BE THAT BAD OF A THING AFTER ALL, AM I RIGHT?
YOUR OLD MAN PARKED HIMSELF IN THE GAME CORNER SO THAT HE CAN HELP YOU DEVELOP YER SKILLS AS THE GYM LEADER, AND THAT'S WHY...
DAD...
EEEH?!
HEH, I'M LEAVING YOU HERE!
"FORCE PALM"
THUMP

TMP TMP TMP TMP
PIN
I'M AWAKE!!
THE STORM'S AWOKE!
HEY, DIA. MISSY DEFEATED MARLENE!!
GREAT GOING!
THIS WAS A REMARKABLE PLOT, WASN'T SHE?
YES, SHE WAS.
LOST AND FOUND STOREROOM
I BET THAT RIOLU WAS "RIO"-LY TOUGH!!
THAT WASN'T FUNNY.
BUT MAN... THERE SURE ARE MANY LOST ITEMS IN HERE!
THE PERSON-IN-CHARGE LEFT AFTER BRINGING ME HERE, BUT...
...I SHOULD'VE AT LEAST ASKED HIM WHICH AREA HE HAD SHELVED IT IN...
LET ME SEE... POKÉDEX, POKÉDEX... MISSY'S POKÉDEX...

AH! THERE IT IS!
MISSY CAN REST ASSURED NOW!
LAX AND WIG!
IT'S PRETTY HIGH UP...
I CAN PROBABLY REACH IT IF I MAKE A STEPPING STOOL OF SORTS...
THANKS WIG!
JUST... A LITTLE BIT MORE...
!!!
GRAB

ADVENTURE MAP
VERILYSIDE CITY
MISSY
PLATINUM
PEARL
WIO
LAX
CHIMHIKO
INFERNO
CHAHIKO
PRINPLUP
PONYTA